

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benita J. Rohm on 15 November 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the Claims**

In claim 2, line 4, change "first" to ---fourth---.

In claim 3, line 4, change "the further" to ---a further---.

In claim 4, line 4, change "the further" to ---a further---.

In claim 5, line 4, delete "further" and change "first" to ---second---,  
line 5, change "first" to ---second---.

In claim 6, line 3, change "first" to ---second---,  
line 4, change "the further" to ---a further--- and change "first" to ---second---.

In claim 7, line 1, change "1" to ---2---.

### **In the Drawings**

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The examiner has introduced a new figure 9 into the drawing figures which is the same figure 9 as provided in the provisional application upon which the instant application claims benefit.

### **Reasons for Allowance**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed device sets forth a unique wiper arrangement not fairly taught by the prior art. In addition to other structure within the claims, such as the second and third compliant beam portions formed of two compliant sections arranged as a triangle, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a first compliant beam portion integrally formed with the primary beam formed of three compliant sections arranged as an end point triangle having three compliant section junctures wherein one of said junctures is coupled to the first end of the primary beam with the remaining two junctures thereof being arranged to couple with the wiper blade. This structure in combination with the second and third compliant portions does not appear to be fairly taught.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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